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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Restriction and Election Requirement dated February 21, 2008, the Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1-13. This election is made without traverse. As a single disclosed species, the Applicants elect the species of water-swellable linear polymer obtainable by reacting together: polyethylene glycol (as the polyethylene oxide (a)); decane-1,10-diol (as the difunctional compound (b)); and dicyclohexyl methane-4,4-diisocyanate (as the difunctional isocyanate (c)). Claims 1-6 and 8-20 read on the elected species. The species election is also made without traverse.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.